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TODAY and TOMORROW

Basking In False Light

BRITISH Officials and British troops in India observed last Sunday as Thanksgiving Day for the Anglo-American victory in Europe, according to a New Delhi report. Most fittingly, the British and the Americans in India joined together. To the Indian people the Anglo-American war has meant starvation, loss of hundreds of thousands of young lives and poverty and misery unimaginable. All over India, millions have died and millions are dying of starvation and epidemic diseases because the British have taken all available foodstocks and medical supplies for the Anglo-American armies.

While the British are rejoicing and jubilating, the Indian people are filled with double indignation. Not content with bringing starvation and abject misery in India, the British are proud of what they have done and are rejoicing and feasting. Though the British victory in Europe is not going to avert their final destruction in Asia, still even this temporary and deceptive victory has been won largely through the forced sacrifice of India's manpower and material resources.

And the British have the cheek to say that they have won a victory for freedom and democracy. Hundreds of India's greatest leaders including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and hundreds of thousands of their followers are still languishing in British jails. All over India there are the most stringent restrictions against free speech and public gatherings. The British are trying ruthlessly to suppress the freedom struggle in India. The British war of aggression in Europe as well as in Asia have had only one aim—the expansion of British imperialism and the permanent enslavement of weaker and smaller nations of Europe and Asia.

For some time now, the British Government in London and the British authorities in India have been extremely panicky over the serious situation in India. Viceroy Wavell as the man on the spot who has to face the music, has been asking for greater political concessions to the Indian people or alternatively for greater emergency powers. So far Churchill and Amery have been refusing the concessions, but at the same time they dare not give Wavell greater tyrannical powers for fear that Indian reaction may be uncontrollable.

But now, basking in the false light of European victory, Churchill and the British authorities may be blind to the fact that it is also the twilight of the British Empire. The European victory is blinding the British people so that they cannot see their impending defeat and destruction in Asia. Because of this, the British will grow more tyrannical and more ruthless in India. And thus blindly they will hasten their own final defeat and destruction.

SANGUINARY WAR RAGING IN OKINAWA

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Nippon Forces Furiously Counter-Attacking Foe Sixth Division Army

Tokyo, May 14 (Domei)—Fighting on Main Okinawa Island southern front has reached a most intense state with Nippon garrison forces fiercely counter-attacking strong enemy forces which have approached the area north of Naha and Shuri.

From the morning of May 13 the enemy launched an attack on Nippon positions at Chodeka and Takushi, north of Shuri, and at Akumi, north of Naha. Nippon forces resolutely counter-attacked the enemy and fierce fighting developed for every single inch of ground as both sides rushed in reinforcements. The enemy's main strength in the battle at Chodeka and Takushi is composed of about 1,500 infantry troops supported by tanks.

Fierce fighting also developed in the area south-west of Saichi where a strong enemy force yesterday morning launched an attack on Nippon positions at Nishiharamura and Height 150 but encountered a strong Nippon counter-attack. Our men stopped the enemy advance completely in the area north-east of Sekirei. In the sector east of Kohazu on the east coast, the enemy is gradually putting pressure on Nippon positions.

Meanwhile, in concert with the hard fighting of our ground forces, Nippon special attack surface units have been hitting the enemy hard. Sallying forth on the night of May 12 a special attack surface unit attacked an enemy warcraft group in waters off Katena and set ablaze one warship of unidentified category off Gusukuma. At 3.25 a.m. yesterday morning two columns of fire were observed from the land off Katena, to confirm war results being achieved by our special attack surface units.

Nippon forces began furiously counter-attacking the United States Sixth Division which attempted a desperate frontal attack on Naha on Main Okinawa Island yesterday, May 13.

In the Shuri sector fierce fighting is taking place in the contest for every inch of ground. The strategic geographical location of Shuri indicates the war situation on Okinawa will be decided by action in this sector and the stubbornest opposition will be put up by our defenders in the Shuri sector.

Meanwhile, our air units on the morning of May 13 attacked Kita Airfield and blasted and set ablaze several places. There was no marked increase or decrease in the air strength or number of enemy warcraft in waters around Okinawa Islands.

LT.-COL. SHOZO NAKAJIMA

Inaugural Opening Of Nanko Kisha Kai Here

The inaugural dinner meeting of the Nanko Kisha Kai, (Journalists' Association) was held at the Nanto Hotel, Syonan, last evening, when prominent Nippon officials, besides Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, the Hodo-bucho, and over 40 journalists drawn from all sections of the local newspapers attended the function, which proved a great success.

The function began with the gathering observing National etiquette.

Mr. T. Hope of the Syonan Sinbun (English Edition), the chairman of committee, in his introductory speech explained the aims and objects of the Nanko Kisha Kai and exhorted all journalists to play their part worthily and wield their pen as effectively as possible towards the achievement of final victory in the Dai Toa Senso.

The next speaker was Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Hodo-bucho, who delivered a very thoughtful address with particular reference to the War of Greater East Asia and the construction of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.

Mr. H. Fukuda, director-general of the Syonan Sinbun Kai, was the next speaker (the speeches of Lt.-Col. Nakajima and Mr. Fukuda appear elsewhere in this issue).

The party next sat down for dinner and great conviviality prevailed throughout the evening.

Before the party broke up, Mr. Roy Ferroa, Hon. Secretary of the Nanko Kisha Kai, expressed his grateful thanks to all those who rendered assistance in any way and the various departments concerned who helped to make the function a success.

A troupe of local artistes gave some excellent items of songs, dances and magical performances, which much enlivened the occasion.

PEN IS ALMIGHTY; YOURS IS NOBLE MISSION OF GUIDING EAST ASIA ON TO VICTORY

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Fukuda Stresses Important Role Of Journalists

In his speech felicitating the birth of the local Journalists' Association, the Nanko Kisha Kai, at the inaugural dinner meeting held at the Nanto Hotel last evening, Mr. H. Fukuda, the director-general of the Syonan Shimbun Kai, declared that judging from the critical situation arising daily in various parts of the world there are indications that we must be prepared to meet even more severe hardships in the time to come.

"At present all the nations and peoples of Dai Toa are fighting gallantly against the Anglo-American invaders. Of course you all know the reason why. It is because the life or death of all the Asiatics are at stake.

"History shows us that nations and peoples, just as in the case of individuals, sometimes have to face an actuality which is very difficult to overcome; yet it must be overcome if they want to survive; and I think this is exactly the situation in which we Asiatics are placed at present.

"If we ever yield to the hardships which confront us, we all know that there will be no chance for all the nations and peoples of Dai Toa for centuries to come. We are standing at the most critical juncture in the history of Dai Toa now.

"This is the time for us journalists of Dai Toa to exert ourselves as hard as possible, with the pride and conviction that the task of creating the glorious history of the future Dai Toa rests upon our shoulders."

Hodo-Bucho's Exhortation To Journalists Here At Inaugural Meeting

"Without strong unification of the peoples of East Asia, there can be no Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. All must pull together. Now the hour has come. And the one billion people of East Asia must prove their conviction in final victory by living up to the principles which brought Asia back to the Asiatics more than three years ago."

Thus exhorted Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief of the Propaganda Department, speaking at the inaugural dinner meeting of the local Journalists' Association, the Nanko Kisha Kai, held at the Nanto Hotel, Syonan, last evening.

"At this most important time, if Asiatics should become more supremely conscious of their being Asiatics and of their mission in the land of their fathers, no matter what material power the Anglo-Americans may hurl against East Asia, the bastion of history and tradition built up by one billion Asiatics can never be conquered," went on the speaker.

"Herein then lies the greatness of the mission with which journalists are entrusted with today. Yours is the glorious work of guiding the East with your pen; making the people conscious as they have never been before of their sacred obligations as Asiatics; and thus by guiding and building, establish on unsinkable foundation a structure of victory which Asiatics will regard as their own special pride—a structure which will weather all enemy machinations.

"So you gentlemen assembled here tonight are entrusted with this solemn and sublime task—the task of making Asia Asiatic-conscious. By fostering this spirit, you lay the basis of victory. The very fact that tonight we are holding the inaugural ceremony of the Nanko Kisha Kai is in itself proof of this consciousness. It is a union of strength. In similar manner must this union of strength be propagated to the peoples of the East. And to do this, you know, the pen is almighty.

"The mission of you, gentlemen, is to guide and build public opinion. Your work is, as it were, a beacon in a dark world—a beacon by which the peoples of the East can be guided. The path to Victory lies before them, but they must have your guidance. If you gentlemen gathered here tonight are confident of fulfilling this mission, then it is absolutely sure that come what may, the Anglo-American heel of exploitation will never soil

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VIJAYALAKSHMI AGAIN ON INDIA'S FREEDOM ISSUE

Lisbon, May 14 (Domei)—Mrs. Viyaja Lakshmi Pandit in a speech delivered in front of the State Capitol Building at Sacramento, California, today strongly emphasized the need for Indian independence, declaring, "So long as colonial vested interests remain, there can be no peace, there can be no security," according to a San Francisco dispatch.

"Before we can talk about interdependence," Mrs. Pandit said, "we must realize that only through independence can we achieve interdependence."

"So long as we think in terms of power politics and political expediency, we cannot hope to achieve anything of lasting value," she maintained.

Mrs. Pandit declared, "Only with the liquidation of the system of colonial domination could there be any harmony in the world."

Nippon Govt. Receives U.S. Reply On Awa Maru

Tokyo, May 14 (Domei)—Sadao Iguchi, Spokesman of the Board of Information, told a press conference today that the American reply in regard to Nippon's request for a list of the survivors of the Awa Maru has been received by the Nippon Government.

In this connection, Mr. Iguchi said, Nippon's demands to the United States Government, including compensation for the damage incurred in the outrageous sinking of the Awa Maru by an American submarine on April 1, will be forwarded through the Swiss Government in the near future.

Mr. Iguchi also told the press that the Swedish Government has agreed to Nippon's request to represent Nippon interests in Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Paraguay, Nicaragua and Lebanon, in place of Spain, which recently broke off relations with Nippon.

He added that there are eight other countries, including the United States, Canada and other Latin-American countries, which were formerly represented by the Spanish Government, and as regards these, the Nippon Government is negotiating with the Swiss Government to represent Nippon interests in these countries. To date, however, no reply has come from the Swiss Government, according to the Spokesman.

Grave Perils Lie Ahead, Churchill Warns Britons

Lisbon, May 13 (Domei)—British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in a broadcast to-night reviewing the past five years of the war, warned the British people that great difficulties continue to imperil the future and everyone must be prepared for further sacrifices, according to a London dispatch.

"I wish I could tell you to-night that our toils and troubles were over," Churchill said. However, he said he unfortunately could not say so.

Five years ago when he assumed the helm of the British Government, "no one knew that the war would last so long," Churchill declared. Today, the perils of the future, he indicated, have improved only slightly.

Reviewing the early setbacks in the war, Churchill made his most direct attack yet on Eire's Premier, Eamon de Valera, for refusing to co-operate with Britain.

In the course of his speech, Churchill hinted British dissatisfaction over America's attempts to claim all the glory for the victories achieved, stressing that Britain took "full share" in the fighting with one-third as many men as the Americans.

Nippon Planes Heavily Striking At Task Forces

A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, May 14 (Domei)—The Nippon air force from dawn this morning has been heavily striking at enemy task forces which made carrier plane raids on western parts of Nippon yesterday and today, as enemy carrier aircraft again attacked the southern part of Kyushu and the Shikoku and Chugoku districts this morning.

These enemy raiders are believed to be operating from two task forces, comprising two to three carriers and two battleships in each group, which had earlier penetrated the sea area south of Kyushu.

Weekly Review Of Fighting On Pacific Fronts

Tokyo, May 14 (Domei)—In the southern sector of Okinawa Main Island our forces are heavily "bleeding" enemy troops which launched a general offensive on May 6. Our forces east of Kochi are holding fast to their positions, despite the enemy's general attack under air cover since May 11.

West of Kochi, the enemy managed to make a slight advance at several points. The enemy's firstline forces are estimated to be about 2,500 infantrymen with 50 to 60 tanks.

Meanwhile, air activities throughout the Okinawa Islands from the enemy task force have further been reduced, owing to our relentless air attacks. Only from 400 to 600 planes daily operated over the islands this week. In order to make up for the losses suffered by his task force, the enemy is expanding his air bases on Okinawa Island, with over 200 aircraft, mainly small machines, believed to be operating.

In the meantime, our air units, day and night, are assaulting the enemy's task force, aircraft as well as shipping, which is engaged in supplying foodstuffs for 100,000 landed troops. Our submarines are also harassing the enemy's supply lines.

ON TARAKAN ISLAND, numerically-superior enemy land forces have managed to infiltrate into our positions, while his shelling and bombing of our airfield and reservoir areas have been intensified. Enemy casualties, since his landing on Tarakan on April 30, are estimated to be 1,050, while five enemy minesweepers have been sunk and seven munition dumps blown up.

ON THE LUZON FRONT, our forces are holding important bases, including Baguio, while continuing to inflict heavy losses on the enemy. Fierce fighting is raging at Balete Pass.

ON THE MINDANAO FRONT, the battle in the Davao sector is raging with growing intensity especially since the enemy's thrust into Davao on May 2 from the direction of Cotabato.

Joseph Stalin Remains Firm On Polish Issue

Stockholm, May 11 (Domei)—Clearly indicating the strong Soviet attitude toward the Polish problem, Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin has bluntly declared that the discussion of the Polish question on its present basis was useless, in his reply to the joint note from President Harry Truman and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, regarding the arrest of 16 Polish political leaders, according to a News Chronicle dispatch today.

Enemy Bombers Raid Kagoshima, Miyazaki

Fukuoka, May 13 (Domei)—Thirty-odd Okinawa-based enemy planes, comprising mainly Grummans and a few Martin PBM2 bombers, appeared over the Kagoshima and Miyazaki districts from 8 p.m. on May 12 to about 4 o'clock this morning, apparently on a second reconnaissance flight over our air bases in these districts.

The enemy planes dropped incendiary bombs and some explosives and then fled in a southerly direction. Practically no damage was caused to our position.

Dissension And Disunity Tear Anti-Axis Camp

Lisbon, May 13 (Domei)—A fresh dispute over the question of "joint occupation and control" of the so-called liberated areas has arisen between the Anglo-American powers and the pro-Soviet Yugoslav Regime, headed by Marshal Joseph Tito, over the occupation of Trieste by Yugoslav forces, according to dispatches received here today.

Acting American Secretary of State Grew was today reported in a Washington message to have sharply rebuked Tito, asserting that Trieste will remain under anti-Axis control "until a definite peace settlement."

He said that the dispute raised the "issue of settlement of international disputes by orderly process rather than unilateral action."

Indirectly accusing Tito of bad faith, Grew stated that he was convinced that no territorial problem could be solved by proclamations issued in the wake of an army on the march.

Grew's statement was issued in reply to reports circulated by the Yugoslav Radio that the Yugoslav Regime has set up its own government in Trieste.

The American Acting Secretary of State maintained that it was the Anglo-American armies and not Yugoslav troops which forced the surrender of the German garrison at Trieste.

Other reports, in the meantime, stated that Field Marshal Harold Alexander, Supreme anti-Axis Commander in the Mediterranean Theatre, has rushed to Trieste in order to thrash out the question of "joint occupation" with the Yugoslav military authorities.

Hodo-Bucho's Speech To Journalists Here

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the earth of East Asia again.

"You must not forget—Syonan is the hub of the Southern Regions. Its importance, from every angle, cannot be overstressed. That is why whatever you gentlemen write or say goes a long way—it radiates from Syonan throughout the whole of the Southern Regions. And not only do the people of the Southern Regions hearken to your words . . . the enemy, too, has an attentive ear always directed towards Syonan. That is why I would have you remember the greatness of your mission each time you write," continued Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

"So with the birth of Nanko Kisha Kai tonight, we would have you to intensify your efforts in your great work. You are fighting the war behind the lines, but nonetheless yours is a glorious task. Extend co-operation to each other. Thus will you be strong. In your pen you have the key to Victory."

In concluding his speech, Lt.-Col. Nakajima said, "Out in the Pacific, our Special Attack Corps are fighting with incomparable spirit. I would have you write with that same spirit . . . every word a bullet. I expect great things from the Nanko Kisha Kai, and I am confident that my hopes will be fulfilled."

Canada's Less Support In Pacific War Theatre

Lisbon, May 13 (Domei)—In a statement directed toward mitigating growing public fear that Canadian troops will needlessly be sacrificed in the Pacific war, General Andrew MacNaughton, Canadian Defence Minister, today declared at Moosomin, Sasketchewan, that Canada does not intend to send large numbers of troops to the Pacific, according to a Reuter dispatch.

The Canadians, he said, will assist in the war with a "minimum of men."

MacNaughton's statement constitutes a significant reflection of the widespread feeling of war-weariness prevailing in Canada.

The Canadian Government, it will be recalled, recently placed recruitment for the Pacific war on a "voluntary basis" in the face of mounting public criticism over needlessly expending Canadian lives in the fighting overseas.

This action followed futile Government attempts to curb growing public-assisted desertions from the ranks of the Canadian armed forces.

Hemispheric Exclusion Proposals Criticised

Stockholm, May 14 (Domei)—Eugene Zhukov, Izvestia's correspondent covering the San Francisco Conference, said that the proposals of the Latin American countries concerning the exclusion of hemispheric problems from the jurisdiction of the world security organization were "a complete diviation from Dumbarton Oaks."

He added that such an action would be a violation of the "principles of the indivisibility of peace, and would leave a wide loophole for aggressor nations."

Enemy Warship Set On Flames Off Okinawa

A Nippon Base on the Okinawa Front, May 13 (Domei)—Apparently hit by Nippon air formations which carried out renewed sorties from last night to this morning against enemy war vessels off Okinawa Island, one enemy warship of unidentified category was seen enveloped in black smoke by our observation post on the island.

Fires were also started in enemy military installations on Kita airfield as a result of last night's attack.

"Pravda" Accuses Exiled Poles Of Monstrous Crime

Lisbon, May 13 (Domei)—In what was regarded to be a reiteration of the Soviet Union's firm policy toward the Polish issue, the 'Pravda', official mouthpiece of the Communist Party, today strongly accused the Polish Government in London of organizing anti-Soviet activity in the rear of the Red Army, according to a Moscow dispatch.

The facts of the "monstrous crime," in which over 100 soldiers and officers of the Red Army are claimed by the Soviet Government to have lost their lives through the "diversionary" activities of the London Poles, have been "established," the 'Pravda' said.

It added, "The organizers and participants in the crime have also been established."

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